

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 939

By Mr. Frost of Auburn, petition of Paul K. Frost for an investigation by a special commission relative to increasing the penalties for disorderly persons in a riotous assembly. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

### RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY FOR FURTHER PUNISHMENT OF DISORDERLY PERSONS IN A RIOTIOUS ASSEMBLY.

1     *Resolved*, That a special commission is hereby established to  
2     investigate and study the viability of proposing further punish-  
3     ment for those detained in relation to disorderly conduct in a  
4     riotous assembly by public safety officials, or those in authority to  
5     detain individuals, as stated under Section 7 of Chapter 269 of the  
6     General Laws. Said investigation and study shall include, but not  
7     be limited to, an analysis of the extent of fines or punishment for  
8     crimes including, but not limited to disorderly conduct, van-  
9     dalism, breaking and entering, assault, battery, and robbery. Fur-  
10    ther, pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 269 of the General Laws,  
11    the commission shall examine the option of holding persons, who  
12    are arrested by those with the authority to do so, responsible for  
13    any deaths that occur at the time of the riot, at or near the location  
14    of the riotous gathering. Said commission shall report to the  
15    general court the results of its study, if any, together with drafts of  
16    legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect,  
17    by filing the same with the clerk of the House of Representatives  
18    on or before the thirty-first of December, two thousand and five.